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TERENCE SMITH: Spies and defectors. Usually their tales are relegated to the realm of fictional thrillers. Lately, though, more and more of these cases are making front-page news. Is it a new phase of the superpower cold war?

Joining us with their views are former CIA Director William Colby and Vladimir Sakharov. He's a former KGB agent who defected to the United States in 1971.

Gentlemen, welcome.

It's certainly in the news. And we are confronted now with a new pattern, or at least the latest version of a new pattern, in the case of Nicholas Daniloff, the U.S. News & World Report reporter who was seized in Moscow in what appears to us to be a clear effort to arrange a trade with a Soviet employee of the U.N. who was picked up in New York.

Do you accept it as that, Mr. Sakharov, from face value?

VLADIMIR SAKHAROV: Absolutely. The Soviets had to frame somebody. Daniloff was there. And they need need [unintelligible].

SMITH: But can it be that simple, Mr. Colby? I mean because if it is that simple, where does that lead?

COLBY: Well, I think the most interesting aspect is not the seizure of Daniloff but the fact that the KGB could force it. Apparently, one of the reasons was that the lawyer in the case in New York apparently did not bring to the attention of the judge the fact that our government would have agreed to paroling Mr.

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